

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Air Traffic Control Tower Keesler AFB, MS (AETC) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Keesler Air Force Base, located at Keesler AFB, MS 39534. The funding would be used to plan and design a new Air Traffic Control Tower. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current tower has multiple fire safety concerns, lacks proper heating and air conditioning, and is vulnerable to tropical storms and hurricanes. Keesler's Air Traffic Control Tower supports the only DoD asset that provides data to the Dept of Commerce/National Hurricane Center to model path/intensity of tropical weather and winter storms.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress